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1. BEGIN FYI. BREAKFAST MEETING IN LONDON WITH ANSARY
ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT MELDING
TWO ALTERNATIVE PLANS CONVEYED BY REFTEL. WE PROMISED
TO SEEK USG DECISION IN TIME TO TRANSMIT NEW AND MORE
DETAILED OUTLINE TO ANSARY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. AFTER
LONDON MEETING, I WAS ADVISED THAT LAWYERS HAD CONCLUDED
THAT USG APPROPRIATION ACT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PUT
COMBINED PLAN INTO EFFECT. FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THIS
ISSUE AND OTHER QUESTIONS HAS DELAYED ACHIEVEMENT OF
ADMINISTRATION POSITION. END FYI

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2. PLEASE INFORM ANSARY THAT WE ARE TRYING TO MEET

DECEMBER 24 DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTING COMBINED AND
MORE DETAILED PROPOSAL BUT HAVE ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS
WHICH COULD CAUSE FEW DAYS SLIPPAGE. IN ANY EVENT
WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER ASAP. KISSINGER

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